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Colorado Department
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January 3, 2001

Ms. Sharon Kercher
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
999 18th Street, suite 300
Denver, Colorado 80202-2466

Dear Ms. Kercher:

Subject: Your Letter Dated December 14, 2000 Regarding the State's Interest in
Investigating Natural Resource Damages at the Vasquez Boulevard / I70
Site

Thank you for your letter of December 14, 2000 regarding coordination of state and federal investigations of possible natural resource damages related to the Omaha and Grant Smelter. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment looks forward to working with the Environmental Protection Agency to design and implement remedial investigations that will provide sufficient information to estimate possible natural resource damages associated with this site. Our State Project Officer will work closely with your Remedial Project Manager as outlined in the Superfund Memorandum of Agreement.

Sincerely,

Jane E. Norton
Executive Director

Office of Enforcement

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